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BOX PATENT APPLICATION Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Re:

Application of Yasuo OHSAWA

Entitled TIRE

Assignee: BRIDGESTONE CORPORATION

Our Reference: Q62556

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto for filing is the application identified above including eighty-four (84) sheets of the specification, including the twenty-four (24) claims and an abstract, and twenty-six (26) sheets of drawings. The executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment to BRIDGESTONE CORPORATION will be submitted at a later date.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

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A check for the statutory filing fee of \$782.00 is attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge any difference or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §\$1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 that may be required during the entire pendency of the application to our Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is also attached.

Priority is claimed from February 7, 2000, June 14, 2000, and November 24, 2000, based on Japanese Patent Application Nos. 2000-29656, 2000-178746 and 2000-358452, respectively. The priority documents will be filed at a later date.

Respectfully submitted, SUGHRUE, MION, ZINN, MACPEAK & SEAS, PLLC Attorneys for Applicant

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